

Arar +10: National Security and Human Rights A Decade Later

October 29, 2014

University of Ottawa

- 8:00 Registration, coffee
8:15 Welcome, Allan Rock, President, University of Ottawa
8:20 Opening, review of the day
Alex Neve, Amnesty International
Roch Tassé, International Civil Liberties Monitoring Group

8:30 Retrospective of the past decade

Alex Neve, Amnesty International Canada

An overview of ten years of national security and human rights: judicial inquiries & court rulings; UN reviews; parliamentary reports & resolutions; and government law reform, policy & action. What have we learned? What has been done? What remains undone?

9:00 Panel 1 The people and lives behind the issues

Moderator: Roch Tassé, International Civil Liberties Monitoring Group

- Abdullah Almalki, Torture Survivor
- Paul Champ, Counsel to Abousfian Abdelrazik and Benamar Benatta
- Hilary Homes, Amnesty International Campaigner on Omar Khadr case
- Sophie Harkat, Spouse of Subject of Immigration Security Certificate

10:15 Break (15 min)

10:30 Panel 2 Perspectives from the media

Moderator: Kerry Pither, Author, *Dark Days: The story of four Canadians tortured in the name of fighting terror*

- Jeff Sallot, Journalist and Author
- Jacques Bourbeau, Ottawa Bureau Chief for Global News
- Brigitte Bureau, Investigative reporter with French CBC (radio and television) / Journaliste d'enquête à Radio-Canada (radio et television)

11:45 LUNCH

12:30 KEYNOTE PANEL

Judicial Reflections on National Security and Human Rights

Moderator: Nathalie Des Rosiers, Dean, Faculty of Law (Common Law), University of Ottawa

- The Honourable Frank Iacobucci, former Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada
Commissioner of the Internal Inquiry into the Actions of Canadian Officials in Relation to Abdullah Almalki, Ahmad Abou-Elmaati and Muayyed Nureddin
- The Honourable John Major, former Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada
Commissioner of the Commission of Inquiry into the Investigation of the Bombing of Air India Flight 182
- The Honourable Dennis O'Connor, former Justice of the Ontario Court of Appeal
Commissioner of the Commission of Inquiry into the Actions of Canadian Officials in Relation to Maher Arar

2:15 Panel 3 Lawyering for human rights in a national security context

Moderator: Alex Neve, Amnesty International

- Paul Cavalluzzo, Barrister & Solicitor and Special Advocate
- Marlys Edwardh, Barrister & Solicitor
- Barbara Jackman, Barrister & Solicitor
- Phil Tunley, Barrister & Solicitor

3:15 Break (15 min)

3:30 Panel 4 A view from community level

Moderator: Dominique Peschard, Ligue des droits et libertés,

- Sheema Khan, Author, Columnist and Community Activist
- Ihsaan Gardee, National Council of Canadian Muslims
- Khalid Elgazzar, Barrister and Solicitor

4:15 Panel 5 Oversight and Review

Moderator: Warren Allmand, Former Solicitor General of Canada

- Gar Pardy, Retired Canadian Diplomat
- Craig Forcese, Associate Professor of Law, University of Ottawa

5:00 Wrap-up/Synthesis

- Jeff Sallott

5:15 Monia Mazigh, Author and Human Rights Activist

5:25 Closing

5:30 Wine and cheese